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RSC Update: RSC Ideas Point the Way for Post “Super Committee” Washington

From the Chairman

In just the last week, the national debt topped \$15 trillion, 161 House Democrats voted against a Balanced Budget Amendment, and the so-called “Super Committee” failed to reach an agreement after months of negotiation. As a result of this failure, the “trigger” of sequestration is slated to reduce the growth of future spending by \$1.2 trillion over a ten year period beginning in 2013.

Our debt is driven by wasteful spending and the exploding costs of health care safety net programs. But Democrats, obviously with little interest in balancing the budget, refused to agree to anything unless they could first raise taxes by at least \$1 trillion.

There are clear and responsible ways to solve our debt and economic problems without raising taxes. Congress should move forward with the RSC’s concrete solutions to create jobs, reduce spending, save the safety net, and balance the budget.

- H.R. 408, the [Spending Reduction Act](#), identifies over 100 unnecessary programs, provides a head start towards balancing the budget, and saves taxpayers trillions of dollars over the next decade.
- The [RSC Budget for FY 2012](#) balances the federal budget in less than ten years and institutes reforms that will protect seniors and help save Americans' health care safety net.
- H.R. 2560, the [Cut, Cap, and Balance Act](#), cuts spending immediately, caps it in future years, and requires Congress to send a Balanced Budget Amendment to the American public for approval.
- H.R. 3400, the [Jobs Through Growth Act](#), cuts through red tape, creates a simpler and fairer tax code, and tears down barriers to energy production. In short, it creates jobs by growing the economy, not the government.
- H.R. 1167, the [Welfare Reform Act](#), builds upon the successful reforms of 1996, paves the way to find efficiencies in the 70+ federal welfare programs, and returns welfare spending to pre-recession levels once unemployment falls to 6.5%. Sen. Jim DeMint and other conservatives introduced this bill in the Senate just last week.

I am confident that we can solve these problems and give thanks every day that my family and I live in a country that still abounds with freedom and opportunity.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

Congressman Jim Jordan

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.

- Rep. Tim Scott (SC-01): [Bring America Back from Regulatory Cliff](#); The Post and Courier, November 14.
- Rep. Trent Franks (AZ-02): [Pass National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity](#); USA Today, November 15
- Rep. Eric Cantor (VA-07): [Encouraging Innovation and Entrepreneurship To Spur Job Growth](#); Richmond Times-Dispatch, November 16.
- Rep. Paul Ryan (WI-01): [Inequality, Opportunity And The American Idea](#); Investors Business Daily, November 17.
- Rep. Jeff Denham (CA-19): [Why Doesn't Congress Want a Balanced Budget?](#); The Modesto Bee, November 19.
- Rep. Trey Gowdy (SC-04): [NLRB Bias Is a Menace to Business](#); The Post and Courier, November 21.
- Rep. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05): [Why the Super Committee Failed](#); The Wall Street Journal, November 22.

RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America's future.

- Rep. Bobby Schilling (IL-17) introduced [H.R. 3376](#), the *Saving Over Spending Act*, to incentivize smarter spending throughout the federal government.
- Rep. Peter Roskam (IL-06) introduced [H.R. 3399](#), the *Fighting Fraud and Abuse to Save Taxpayer Dollars Act*, to prevent paying fraudulent Medicare claims.
- Rep. Phil Roe (TN-01) introduced [H. Res 469](#), stating that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional.
- Rep. Steve King (IA-05) introduced [H. Res 471](#), the *Cut the Unnecessary Tab Resolution*, to allow any Member the opportunity to cut and cancel unnecessary, wasteful, and bloated government spending.
- Rep. Jeff Flake (AZ-06) introduced [H.R. 3340](#), the *Recreational Shooting Protection Act*, to require congressional approval for any recreational shooting restrictions proposed by the Bureau of Land Management.
- Rep. Ben Quayle (AZ-03) introduced [H.R. 3392](#), the *Regulatory Review Act*, to require Congressional review for all major federal regulations every ten years.
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05) introduced [H.R. 3408](#), the *Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act (PIONEERS Act)*, to establish clear rules and lift regulatory barriers for the production of U.S. oil shale resources.
- Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-02) introduced [H.R. 3414](#), the *Honest Budget Act*, to provide for greater transparency and honesty in the Federal budget process.

House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.

- On Tuesday, the House passed [H.R. 2838](#), the *Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act*.
- On Wednesday, the House passed [H.R. 822](#), the *National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act*, and also passed the Senate amendment to [H.R. 674](#).

- On Thursday, the House passed the [H.R. 2112](#) Conference Report, *the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act*.
- On Friday, the House failed to pass [H.J. Res. 2](#), proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Outlook – A quick look at what’s on the horizon.

- The House is not in session this week.

RSC Reports

- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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